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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 3238638, dated October 5, 2001, together with
patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,083,240 issued July 4, 2000;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 08-140987, dated June 4, 1996 together with a full
English language translation of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 05-317246, dated December 3, 1993, together with
a full English language translation of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-279420, dated October 10, 2000, together
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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-279421, dated October 10, 2000, together with a full English language translation of the same; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-165754, dated June 11, 2002, together with a full English language translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

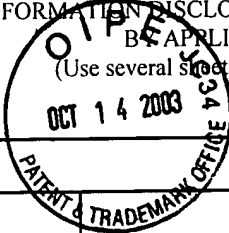
If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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